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# SUPPORT WILLIAMS

Will Mean End of Organization.

tional Board of Arbitration will declar the meeting held by the Virginia board will say further that no succes-sor to C. R. Williams, the incumbent, has yet been named, and that the Virginia League must now go home, settle its own internal dissensions and name

pouring water through a sieve.

hurt because of the determination on Williams and the Roanoke and Northe part of the mogula not to listen to folk clubs were one and the same the petty disturbances existing within the Virginia family circle, still there is no question that the action of the do rely entirely upon the merits of the case in land and he. Sands, then

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matters and ended in three hours a session which, had the desires of the men presenting the case been followed, might have still been going on, without any immediate hope of terminating. Section 7, of Article 1, is what settled the question and gave Williams a decided victory. That section says:

"The constitution of this league may be altered by a two-thirds vote of the

e aktered by a two-thirds vote of the lub members. All clubs voting on club members. All clubs voting on amendments must be represented in

amendments must be represented in person, and not by proxy."

The members of the board held that by stipulating just when a proxy could not be voted, the constitution of the Virginia League admitted the legality of proxies in all other matters. Add to this the fact that Judge A. E. King. representing the Williams side, proved conclusively that it was common practice to vote proxies in the league, and that the proxy of the Norfolk club, giving Elmore Heins, of Roanoke, the right to cast Norfolk's vote in the November meeting, was given with the full knowledge that the meeting was called for the specific purpose of electing officers, and you will have the ingredients which will cause the board to issue in formal language to-morrow morning just what appears in the opening paragraph of this story.

Owner W. B. Bradley, of Richmond,

peaceful onlooker quivered in his boots lest some absolute breach of the peacet might occur. To the members of the board the acrimonlous fusilades proved boring, and time and again Chairman Farrell was moved to request those too torceful orators to restrain themselves and adhere strictly to the matter in hand.

It at once became apparent that the only point to be considered by the board was whether it had been common practice in the Virginia League to accept provies and allow them to be voted. waich Williams was elected. He summed up by deMaring the November meeting to have taken mean and unfair advantage of a condition which should not have existed, and that the meeting, having been organized on the presumption that Norfolk's proxy was in good shape and acceptable to the representatives present, could not

alle the pride of some of those who support the re-election of Williams other, each seeking the downfall of the decime primed to deliver themselves life also said that it was the general other—this is surely a gloomy prospersion, whether true or not, that the country of the determination on Williams and the Roanoke and Nor-President Williams has not decide

stated that he had no intention of be smirching Williams's character, bu merely desired to justify the position merely desired to justify the position of the clubs he represented in opposing the re-election of the present chief executive of the league. He stated emphatically that Richmond was ready to support any man for the presidency who was honest and fair, excepting Williams. He asked the board itself to name a president for the league. This in brief is just what happened at the hearing. H. B. Prichard, secretary of the Petersburg Club, spoke briefly of Petersburg's position. Judge Kavanaugh, of the board, remarked that the only question to be considered was the legality of the Norfolk proxy, and added that if charges were to be brought against Williams, that was another matter.

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Judge King replied briefly, defending Williams, both as an official of the league and as a man of integrity and "as clean a sportsman as can be found in the length and breadth of the land."

While the meeting of the board was While the meeting of the board was in executive session and while what actually happened in the conference chamber is not supposed to be public property, still the fact that the session was stormy, that the insinuations were broad, and that to put it mildly the two factions did not regard each other with that fraternal spirit which is supposed to exist in an organizais supposed to exist in an organiza-tion at peace with itself and the world, was soon talked around the corridors of the hotel of the hotel.

s there a choice of words. Of course, of this information came via the not have been obtained the squally countenances of the opponents clearly presaged the storm which was presently to break in the conference chamber upstuffs. Every member of the board was in his place when the sumboard was in his place when the summons came for the Virginia Leaguers to come forward. There were Chairman J. H. Farrell, N. L. O'Neill, M. E. Justice, T. H. Murname, J. A. O'Rourke, W. N. Kavanaugh, J. Cal Ewing, F. R. Carson and C. R. Williams.

The last named naturally had no say in the question at issue, and retired after all of the evidence had been submitted.

Fines and other amounts claimed by the league to be due from W. B. Bradley, and which were to have been considered by the board, were not considered, but upon request from the

Richmond owner and upon acquies-cence of President Williams and Prichard, of Petersburg, were turned back to the league to be settled at the next meeting of the organization. The whole hearing was fraught with the petty animosities of the two fac-tions.

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The fact that no objection was offered to the Norfolk proxy except after a vote had been taken on the candidates for the presidency was another sledge-hammer blow against those epposing Williams.

In fact, even before the hearing, and as predicted in yesterday's story, one might easily have foreseen the conclusion. There is no denying the fact that Williams is well liked by the members of the board. They have a high personal regard for him, and, in addition, regard him as one of the best posted men in baseball agains in the country.

President Williams has not decided when he will call another meeting, but it will be soon, probably before the first of the year. The meeting, however, will be purely perfunctory. The clubs will assemble, and Norfolk, Roanoke and Petersburg will support Williams, while Richmond, Danville and Lynchburg will vote against him Just one ray of hope exists. There will be a digression, and maybe one of the distribute of the control of th williams. While the digression and maybe one of the clubs will sidestep and vote for Williams. Nothing can be accomplished by a deadlock, except to smash the Virginia League to smitherens. The mix-up is just as bad now as it ever was, with this exception. No question now exists but that Williams holds the whip-hand, and he is going to drive the Virginia League, or there ain't going to be no Virginia League."

Harry Wolverton, for a long time rumored as the probable successor of the High-land as contract last night.

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Farrell himself. No information is given as to the money involved. To-night the members of the Base-ball Writers' Association are enter-taining the big league magnates. No business is being transacted.

Masons Elect Officers.

At a stated communication of Fraternal Lodge, No. 53, A., F. and A. M., held at the Masonic Temple on Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: E. W. Broidy, worshinght master: B. C. Lewis, Jr., senior warden; Edwin L. Levy, Junior warden; Mitton J. Straus, treasurer; William Reinhelmer, secretary; William Peristein, senior descon; J. C. Beasley, junior deacen; Rev. L. N. Callach and Jacom Lewit, chapitans; W. J. Lyncham, tiler; John F. Mayer, L. Z. Morris and L. Nackman, trustees; Goodman, Davis and am Jagobs, steward's committee; A. W. Baker, purveyor.

"The tapered rear axles afford the fin-

"Ask any automobile expert."

throughout, Seniors to-night defeated the Sophomores by the score of 29 to 6, thereby winning the pennant in the series of twelve interclass games. Sophomores, playing well on the defensive, held their opponents to the score of 6 to 3 at the end of the first half, but in the last few minutes of play the Seniors ran away with them. After the game Dr. Cranford presented to Captain Cherry, of the Senior team, the pennant, and declared the Seniors champions of the college. Standing of the teams:
Seniors, 6-0-1; Juniors, 3-3-5; Freshmen, 3-3-5; Sephomores, 6-6-0.

Victory for Oxford.

London, December 12.—Oxford University defeated Cambridge University in the annual Rugby football match

a good run over stone wall country, across the farms of Spilman, Cooper, Carter, Holtzclaw, McCabe, Varner and Oakwood, with a brisk finish at

Among those riding and finishing well up with the hounds were the M. F. H., C. H. Smith; Whip, E. A. Russell, Jr.; George B. Stone, James R. Nash and Chilton Glasscock, Mrs. F. A. B. Portman, Misses Anne Gordon Stone, Anne Gordon Annie Camden Spilman and Isa-

# IS WELL-BALANCED

Eleven Games Arranged by Manager Geddy, of Basketball Team.

Farmville February 17, V. M. I., at Lexington. February 23, Hampden-Sidney, at Williamsburg.

### TO MEET ON FRIDAY

Homocapathic Physicians to Hear Address by Dr. Arndt.
Homocapathic physicians of Richmond are interested in a meeting to be held Priday evening, which will be addressed by Dr. H. Arndt, of Cleveland, field secretary of the American Institute of Homocapathy. Ills subject will be "The Union of the Schools."

'Dr. Arad.

William Peristein, senior deacon; J. C. Beasley, junior deacon; Rev. E. N. Calisch and Jacom Lewit, chaplains; W. J. Lyncham, tilor; John F. Mayer, L. Z. Morris and L. Nacknan, trustees; Goodman, Davis and an Jagobs, steward's committee; A. W. Baker, purveyor.

Howitzers' Reunion To-Night.

The thirty-sixth annual reunion and dinary of the Richmond Howitzer, Association will be held at the assembly hall of Murphy's Hotel to-aight at \$ o'clock. The active members of the bittallon will be gueste, and will march from the armory in a body under command of Cupicin M. M. Myers.

### Ford Motor Cars GETS GOOD MATERIAL FROM PREP SCHOOLS

One Reason for Virginia's Great Strength on Gridiron-Trio of Stars Developed During Past Season.

Charlottesville, Va., December 12.— The prediction was made to-day by a local alumnus of the University of local alumnus of the University of Virginia who is an enthusiast over athletics, that if Virginia continues to draw such valuable prep school material as she has this year from the Lawrenceville School, in New Jersoy. Tome School, in Maryland, and other institutions of equal prominence, not to mention such Virginia schools as Hampdon-Sidney, Woodberry Forest, Episcopal High and others of the same calibre, her football elevens will soon be able to compete very successfully with the teams from the biggest universities in the East.

This year's eleven, though almost strictly a freshman team, ranked second only to the Carlisle Indians in the largest number of points scored the past year. The schedule was not a weak one, either. On the other hand, it contained games with better teams than were met the year previous, among the number being Georgetown, Swarthmore, North Carolina, Virginia Military Institute and Wake Forest.

Harely a year passes that some grid-

rancy a year passes that some gridition star is not developed at the university from among the prep. school material. One has only to turn back a few years to recall a half-dozan players who were much in the limelight in the South Atlantic division—men of the class of Pollard, Stanton and Hogaker, whose prowess will never be forgotten. Pollard and Stanton, it will be recalled, had hardly seen a football game played before entering Virginia, and all of their knowledge of the great gridiron sport was gained on Cambeth Field. By the way, Dr. Pollard, who is now, a surgeon in the anay, shone with equal prominence on the gridiron and diamond. He was a star quarterback and one of the best twirlers and hardest hitters on the baseball teams of his day in the college world.

best work, perhaps, was done in the Swarthmore, V. M. I. and North Carollina games.

Two of these contests were played at home, and outside critics did not have a chance to size him up. Here at home he is regarded as good enough to hold his own against Princeton, Yale or any other team.

Haifback F. J. Walter, who was a co-star with Todd in the Thanksgiving Day battle with North Carolina, is another find. He is a product of the Manual Training High School, of Denver, Col., and came East with his two brothers—all of them athletes. Walter likes football, while the others prefer track and basketball. Each is good in his field of endeavor, The trio are students in the academic department, and are aspiring for the B. S. degree. They occupy the same room, have the same tickets, and are splendid students, making practically the same marks—close to 100. F. J. has already shown his worth, and if his brothers do anything like as well in their chosen branches of sport, Virginia will have no cause to complain.

Robert Gooch, the baby of the team, and, like other bables where there is only one in the family, is the idol of the squad. His work in the North Carolina game alone stamps him as a worthy successor to Honaker—though the two are players of entirely differ-

the squad. His work in the North Caro-lina game alone stamps him as a worthy successor to Honaker—though the two are players of entirely differ-ent types. Honaker was a brillian open field runner. Gooch is not, but he is a field general of remarkable promise, and gets the best results pos-sible out of his teammates. With a little more seasoning he should develop rapidly as a ground season with lege world.

New Stars Developed.

Coming down to the present year, the football season just closed has brought to light some very promising players, notably Left Guard Carter, Halfback Walter and Quarterback Gooch. Carter is undoubtedly the most promising of the trio mentioned. His of football, and rarely miss a practice.

Gordon Mofor Company RICHMOND. VIRGINIA

the third game, and he informed Chairman Herrmann, Secretary Bruce and Fresident Lynch, who also sat next to Herrmann, that he bought the seat from a scalper outside the park for \$5.

"I do not know how many tickets Mr. Johnson had out of the seven or eight hundred secured."

Mr. Johnson had out of the seven or eight hundred secured by the National Commission in Philadelphia, but I do know, that Mr. Heidler, secretary of the National League, reports that he had 225 tickets for the series in New had 226 tickets for the series in New York. This is the only fact that I have been able to develop capable of being substantiated by the accounts for the possession of tickets by scalp-ers.

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"If the commission has sufficient in-formation to establish the guilt of any individual connected with the New York club I am as anxious as any one to know who it is that is in-volved. If the commission has nothing but unsupported hearsny, then It is at fault in keeping this matter alive and subjecting the New York club to con-tinued suspicion and abuse, and should, if it cannot prove the charges, exon-

subjecting the New York club to continued suspicios and abuse, and should,
if it cannot prove the charges, exonerate the club and its officials and censure the individual who made it."

To President Johnson the American
League left the task of stopping gambiling in baseball pools in its circuit.
Ile also was given full power to act
for the league on the request of the
international League and American
Association for higher classification
Mr. Johnson, it is understood, will vote
for the higher rating they desire.
For winning the world's championship, the Philadelphia club was given
the congratulations of the league and
its thanks, embodied in a formal and
laudatory resolution. Another resoluition awarded to Umpire Sher'dan a
medal of honor for past service and
placed him upon the pension list.
Under the caption. "Notes from the
President's Report," a statement issued by the National League recites

that 12,480 baseballs were used during 1911; that 87 postponed and t'e games and 62 double-headers were played; that 30 players had been suspended and 25 fines imposed. St. Louis was congratulated for its fight for position and deportment, but one player being disciplined.

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Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgi

Harney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburga club, and other National League men, who were seen to-night seemed to hold the opinion that the "break" did not threaten a baseball war, pointing out that it would not involve working relations of the national agreement.

Aftermath of the ticket scandal caused more than one sensation to-day, Second only to the American League's resolution was the interest attached to the making public of a peppery letter written by John T. Brush, presi-

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NATIONAL BOARD WILL

Election of Whitaker as President of League to Be Declared Illegal.

BRADLEY ADMITS DEFEAT

Finding May Cause Break That

New York, December 12 .- The Na

oxies and allow them to be voted, his point was settled early in the line, and the arguments which folowed had just about as much effect as

BY GUS MALBERT. , and the election of S. M. Whit of Lynchburg, to the presidence organization, not valid. The

its own internal dissensions and name a chief executive. From this action it will be seen that the final arbiters did not uphold the meeting held December 4, at which only three clubs—Norfolk, Petersburg and Koanoke—were represented, and at which Williams was named to succeed himself.

For more than three hours attorneys representing the opposing clans in the controversy presented evidence in support of their claims. It was far more like a court of law than a baseball tribunal. Many sinister charges or nearcharges were made. Storm clouds appeared at such brief intervals that the peaceful onlooker quivered in his boots lest some absolute breach of the peace

pouring water through a sieve.

Decision To-Day.

Eefore going any further it might the well to say that the above statement of what the board will do is not official. That bedy adjourned to-night to meet to-morrow morning at 11 of clock, at which time the Virginans will be given the definite, positive opinion of that tribunal.

But while there is nothing authoritative about the foregoing prediction, and while the board is rather jetalous of having its findings become known in advance, this writer is so certain what he has hit the noil on the head that he does not feel that he is taking even a gambler's chance in making his forecast.

This Board of Arbitration is an incomplete the representatives present, could not the representatives present and acceptable to the representatives present

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scries games in their respective cities. What was the result? Every newspaper man in the country knows the scandal which followed. The Philadelphia club, under the ruling of the commission, had control of the ticket sale in their city, yet the commission has found that scalpers were busy there, too. "Now, as to the last few lines of the "Now, as to the last few lines of the resolution, I cannot understand how the American League could ever assume responsibility for the conduct of the business department or any other department of the National League, or any of its clubs on their home grounds."

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There was a long discussion of the resolution before the American League adopted it. F. J. Farreil, of the New York club, introduced it, and C. A. Comiskey, of the White Sox, seconded it. The vote was unanimous, and copies signed by Ban Johnson were sent to 'President Lynch, of the National League, and the National Commission.

Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgh Straus, Gunst & Co.,

to the making public of a peppery letter written by John T. Brush, president of the New York basebail club, to August Herrmann on November 27, in answer to certain inquiries propounded by the National Commission.

Ticket investigation.

Mr. Brush declared that after investigation of the ticket scandal "I have been able to trace but one ticket for the world's series from legitimate hands to a patron through a scalper, and that ticket passed from the hand of August Herrman, chairman of the National Commission, to B. B. Johnson, president of the American League, in Ph'ladelphia.

"The gentieman who used the ticket sat between August Herrmann and John E. Bruce, secretary of the national committee, in the seat allotted to B. B. Johnson by Chairman Herrmann for

Johnson by Chairman Horrmann tot WITH LILLIAN BUCKINGHAM.